

**REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION
(RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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Application Number	09/884,998
Filing Date	June 21, 2001
First Named Inventor	Takemori TAKAYAMA, et al.
Group Art Unit	1742
Name of Examiner	Sikyin IP
Attorney Docket No.	980923A

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Preliminary Amendment

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)

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ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

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iii. Other _____

b. Check in the amount of \$1,680.00 is enclosed to cover \$750.00 for the basic filing fee, and \$930.00 for a three month Petition for Extension of Time.

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Group Art Unit: 1742

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Examiner: **Sikyin IP**

Filed: **June 21, 2001**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **5046**

For. **BUSHING FOR CRAWLER BELT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 25, 2003

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.